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Government should arrange for the recovery and payment of the dues through the Revenue Department.

considerable delay and inconvenience and loss of money to the Jenmies. He said that it would be a great help to them if the same be recovered through the Revenue Department.

As the tenants in possession of *kanam* holdings assigned away their rights to others, the Jenmies were put to several disadvantages, and with a view to avoid them, the tenants should be made to obtain in writing the consent of the Jenmies before such transfers of rights were effected.

The same Member said that, prior to the passing of the Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation, the Jenmies could redeem the lands demised on *kanam* tenure, but they were forbidden from doing so under the Regulation. On certain occasions, the tenants alienated these holdings to low caste people, and in cases where such lands were situated near Devaswoms or Illams, the Devaswoms became polluted and the Illoms had to be removed. Such a state of things caused hardship to them and the Member prayed that such transfers by the *kanam* tenants should be ordered to be made only after obtaining the written consent of the Jenmies.

Amendment of the Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation.

Mr. Narayanar Janardanar (Member, Jenmi, Trivandrum and Padmanabhapuram Divisions) represented that, since the Royal Proclamation of 1042, the Jenmies were prevented from redeeming the lands demised by them on *kanam* tenure and that the Regulation V of 1071 had put certain restrictions on actions for ejectment. The G. O. dated the 23rd July 1911, on the report of the High Court and the Peishkars, regarding the question of amending the Regulation on the lines suggested in the representations made at the last Assembly, declining to amend the law, was a great hardship to the Jenmies, considering the difficulty they had to meet with in the collection of the *michavaram* and the *thiruppuvaram* due to them from the tenants. As regards *thiruppuvaram*, the Member said that the representation made at the last Assembly had not met with favourable consideration at the hands of the Government.

Dewan.—The matter about *thiruppuvaram* is being looked into.

The Member proceeded to state that the realization of the Jenmies' dues through the Courts was a difficult matter, for, in some cases, the amount realized would not be sufficient even to pay the Vakils' fees. The Member prayed for the following modifications in the Regulation :—

(1) Section 7 should be amended so as to empower the Jenmies to issue receipts by V. P. P. to the tenant if he did not pay up the dues in time, and to secure to them the right of eviction, if, for three successive years, the tenant became a defaulter in the payment of his dues by refusing to accept the receipts sent by V. P. P.

(2) Section 9 should be expunged from the Regulation, as also Sections 10, 12, Clause 3 of Section 21, and the last para of Section 22.

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(3) Section 33 should be so modified as to allow the Jenmies to institute a suit under the Regulation in the Munsiff's Court, even though the amount exceeded Rs. 30, now that the Munsiffs had been empowered to try, as small causes, suits the value of which did not exceed Rs. 100.

In conclusion, the Member prayed for the appointment of a Committee to enquire into and report on the grievances of the Jenmies.

The Jenmi Kudiyan Regulation should either be repealed or modified.

Mr. Kerularu Matheveru (Member, Jenmi, Quilon Division) said that he had nothing more to say in the matter beyond what the previous Member had urged.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

23. Appointment of a Member in the Legislative Council to represent the Jenmies.

Mr. Narayanar Janardanar (Member, Jenmi, Trivandrum and Padmanabhapuram Divisions) said that the Jenmies of Travancore had the proprietary right over 15/16 of the properties in the State. Planters who, compared to them, owned very little landed property, were now allowed to be represented in the Legislative Council, while the Jenmies had no representative therein. He said that many of the difficulties now complained of regarding the Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation would have disappeared had there been a Jenmi member in the Council. This matter was represented in the last Assembly but had not met with any favourable result. He prayed that this privilege should be extended to the Jenmies and that the Jenmi Sabha might be allowed to elect a Jenmi member to the Legislative Council.

Dewan.—Is there any English-knowing gentleman among the Jenmies ?

The Member replied that there was.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

24. The necessity for legislation concerning *chitties*.

Mr. Mathevan Kesavan (Member, Neyyattinkara taluk) represented that *chitties* were a source of litigation and loss to the poor people in the State. The foremen of the *chitties* generally alienated their properties after starting the schemes, with a view to defraud the subscribers. Whenever a prized member defaulted to subscribe, the foreman at once took the opportunity to realize all the dues together and appropriated them to his own use, while, if a prize-winner sued for his prize, he could not realize anything from the foreman. Another difficulty was that the non-prized subscribers could not withdraw from the scheme without forfeiting what had been already paid by them. The poor people in the country parts were not aware of the existence of the Savings Bank system, to utilize its advantages. The Member therefore prayed that, considering the difficulties of the poor people in the matter of *chitties*

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